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Examining Board of Physical Therapists and Athletic Trainers

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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	EXAMINING BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPISTS AND ATHLETIC TRAINERS DRY NEEDLING COMMITTEE
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Tuesday, August 20, 2014 at 4:30 p.m.
PLACE:	STAR Campus at UD 540 S. College Avenue, Newark, DE 19713, Conference Room 113
MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:	September 3, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jeffrey Schneider, Athletic Trainer, Chairperson
Laura Schmitt, Physical Therapist, Vice Chairperson
Samuel Sullivan, Physical Therapist
Lorna Lee, Acupuncturist
Joseph Straight, M.D, Physician
JJ Thomas, Physical Therapist

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

David Mangler, Director of Professional Regulation
Eileen Kelly, Deputy Attorney General
Sandra Wagner, Administrative Specialist III

MEMBERS ABSENT

Julie Knowles, Physical Therapist and Athletic Trainer

ALSO PRESENT

Jerry Grant, Joint Sunset Committee
Lee DeLorme, Acupuncturist Student

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Schmitt called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

There were no minutes to review since this was their first meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Jeff Schneider will serve as Committee Chairperson and Laura Schmitt as the Vice Chairperson. The Committee members introduced themselves.

Ms. Schmitt handed out an outline of what she thought would be a good starting point for the discussions on creating rules and regulations for dry needling. After reviewing the outline, the Committee agreed with much of what was written. However, there were several areas that need further research. Specifically, the Committee

needs to decide how many education hours will be necessary, including the clinical portion. The Committee agreed that all of the members would work on what they felt the criteria would be and they will submit what they come up with to Ms. Wagner. Ms. Wagner will compile the information for the next meeting. The Committee spoke about the definition of Dry Needling and Ms. Kelly stated that the definition was already in the Law. Questions were posed about keeping dry needling qualifications current and what that would entail. Mr. DeLorme, an acupuncturist, submitted a cover letter and supporting information for Committee review. The submitted information included research that Mr. DeLorme had done as well as his thoughts on what the course content should consist of. Mr. DeLorme's cover letter included his position that dry needling is acupuncture and that physical therapists performing dry needling should cease and desist until such time that they are in compliance with standards to be developed by the Committee. Mr. DeLorme asked that his comments be included as part of the meeting minutes.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

There was no other business before the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 3, 2014 at 4:30 p.m. Conference Room 113, of the STAR Campus, 540 S. College Avenue, Newark, Delaware.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra Wagner
Administrative Specialist III

The notes of this meeting are not intended to be a verbatim record of the topics that were presented or discussed. They are for the use of the Board members and the public in supplementing their personal notes and recall for presentations.